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FOR AGRICULTURAL, FAS, FCA GRAIN & FEED DIVISION;

KUALA LUMPUR FOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAGR, EEWT, EPAP, ETRD, SN, KN

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN CORN SALE

1. TRADE SOURCE HAS INFORMED AGRICULTURAL OFFICER THAT 100,000 METRIC TONS NORTH KOREAN CORN REPORTEDLY SOLD TO SINGAPORE TRADER 3-4 WEEK AGO AND THAT ADDITIONAL 300-500,000 MT NORTH KOREAN CORN WAS AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME FOR EXPORT, SHIPMENT WAS TO BEGIN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: LOCAL TRADER HAS ASSUMED CORN WAS PRO-ORIGIN BECAUSE OF BELIEF THAT NORTH KOREAN WAS NOT PRODUCER OF CORN. AGRICULTURAL OFFICER INFORMED TRADER THAT ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL POLISH GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION ROCZNIK STATYSTYCZNY 1975, WHICH USES FAO AND OTHER RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL SOURCES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE YEARBOOK, NORTH KOREA IS SHOWN AS PRODUCING AN ESTIMATED 1.8 MILLION METRIC TONS OF CORN

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IN 1973 ON AN ESTIMATED 900,000 HECTARES. (FYI: TRADER NO LONGER SO SURE THAT CORN WAS PRO-ORIGIN-ALTHOUGH IT STILL MIGHT BE).

3. ALTHOUGH REPORTED SALE WAS NOT LARGE, POSSIBILITY THAT
NORTH KOREA MIGHT ENTER ASIAN MARKET WITH LARGE QUANTITIES
COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. CROSS

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